

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by one (1) month is enclosed herewith.

A complete copy of the specification has been submitted herewith in substitution for the current specification. Figures 1 – 26 have been submitted herewith in substitution for the current Figures of the drawings. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 6 - 16 are pending in the application.


In the Office Action, it is noted that a new specification must be submitted to formally withdraw the changes that Applicants had withdrawn in Paper No. 7 (the amendment filed on 9 June 2003). Additionally, in the Office Action, claims 8 – 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Further, in the Office Action, claims 6 and 7 are indicated as allowed and claims 8 – 16 are indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Applicants have submitted herewith a complete copy of the specification in substitution for the current specification, and Figures 1 – 26 in substitution for the current Figures of the drawings, to confirm that the amendments to Page 9 and Page 30 and the newly added Figure 27 proposed to be added by Paper No. 7 (the amendment filed on 9 June 2003) have been withdrawn.

Additionally, claim 8 has been amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicants submit that claims 6 - 16 are now in condition for allowance and early action toward that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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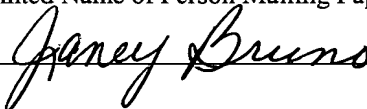
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